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Dear Jerry,

Much more than a week ago a friend with publisher connections and experience asked for a copy of Post Mortem, with a specific presentation in mind. The only spare copy I have - I do not have any full copy other than the master - is in England. Another is under consderation elsewhere.

Or, the only copy available is the one Ed Kabak has. I referred my freind to Ed, giving him office and home numbers. (Home 663-5570; office 867-5500.)

After a week, with time pressures so important, my friend phoned me back to say he had gotten nothing and heard nothing from Ed.

I am outraged that Ed would not even lend the copy he has for such a purpose, outraged that with all his protestations he would not rush to do this small thing, let someone have the copy, and I find no excuse because if he had any question he knew to call me as the friend told him at my request.

I don't now recall whether it was Wednesday or Thursday that I last heard from my friend. Perhaps by now Ed has broken his back and made the copy available.

Please phone him when you get home, even if it means waking him up. If he has not yet delivered this please let me know tomorrow afteroon and tell Ed I'll never give him a xx chance to forget it.

If he ~~xxxxx~~ has not let my friend have it and is not going to immediately I also want to know because it means an immediate, time-wasting and for me costly and dangerous making of a copy from the fragile master which can be hurt seriously if a single correction falls off in xeroxing. (I have had this happen.)

Of course I'll then have to do this at the cost of being able to do anything at all by way of preparation for the coming spectro/NAA hearing. The government has not made any response, has not responded to our inquiry about it, and we face enough in-court problems without this added intrusion into even the possibilities.

Sorry to bother you with this chore but it is important for me and I do think for what Ed professes means so much to him, too. Not only can I not afford the call. I fear what I would say because Ed has a record of this kind of abuse for which there neither is nor was a need and for which I can find no reasonable excuse.

Thanks,